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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES						
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RELATED A	PROCEEDING (IF ANY)					
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	Γ	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.			
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#### INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

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**Plaintiffs** and **Defendants.** Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

**Attorneys.** Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

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**Demand.** Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

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## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re:	) Case No. 08-35653 (KRH)
CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., et al., Debtors.	) Chapter 11
	) (Jointly Administered)
ALFRED H. SIEGEL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC. LIQUIDATING TRUST,	) ) ) Adv. Pro. No. 10 )
Plaintiff,	)
V.	)
BOOTH NEWSPAPERS, INC., d/b/a THE BAY CITY TIMES, SAGINAW NEWS, MUSKEGON CHRONICLE, FLINT JOURNAL, JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT, KALAMAZOO GAZETTE, GRAND RAPIDS PRESS, and THE ANN ARBOR NEWS,  Defendant.	) ) ) ) ) ) ) )
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THE LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE'S COMPLAINT TO AVOID AND RECOVER PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS AND OBJECTION TO CLAIM NOS. 600, 5353, 6559, 364, 8259, 4919, 590, 5357, 2383, 5105, 589, 5352, AND 7674

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Alfred H. Siegel, the duly appointed trustee of the Circuit City Stores, Inc. Liquidating Trust (the "Trustee"), pursuant to the Second Amended Joint Plan of Liquidation of Circuit City Stores, Inc. and its Affiliated Debtors and Debtors in Possession and its Official Committee of Creditors Holding General Unsecured Claims (the "Plan"), for his complaint and for his objection to proof of claim numbers 600, 5353, 6559, 364, 8259, 4919, 590, 5357, 2383, 5105, 589, 5352, and 7674 (the "Complaint") against Booth Newspapers, Inc., d/b/a The Bay City Times, Saginaw News, Muskegon Chronicle, Flint Journal, Jackson Citizen Patriot, Kalamazoo Gazette, Grand Rapids Press, and The Ann Arbor News ("Defendant"), alleges as follows:

## **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. The Trustee brings this action against Defendant to avoid and recover certain preferential transfers that occurred during the 90-day period prior to the commencement of Circuit City's bankruptcy proceedings. In addition, the Trustee objects to Defendant's proofs of claim filed against the Debtors' estates.

#### **THE PARTIES**

- 2. The Trustee ("Trustee" or "Plaintiff") is the duly appointed trustee of the Circuit City Stores, Inc. Liquidating Trust (the "Trust"). Pursuant to Articles II and III of the Trust, the Trustee has the sole authority to pursue claims transferred to the Trust by the Debtors through the Plan, and to litigate objections to claims asserted against the Debtors' estates.
- 3. Prior to the Effective Date of the Plan, Circuit City Stores, Inc. and its affiliated debtors in possession (collectively "Circuit City" or the "Debtors")<sup>1</sup> were corporations

The Debtors and the last four digits of their respective taxpayer identification numbers are as follows: Circuit City Stores, Inc. (3875), Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. (0785), InterTAN, Inc. (0875), Ventoux International, Inc. (1838), Circuit City Purchasing Company, LLC (5170), CC Aviation, LLC (0841), CC Distribution Company of Virginia, Inc. (2821), Circuit City Properties, LLC (3353), Kinzer Technology, LLC (2157), Abbott Advertising Agency, Inc. (4659), Patapsco Designs, Inc. (6796), Sky Venture Corp. (0311), PRAHS, Inc. (n/a), XSStuff, LLC (cont'd)

that maintained their respective principal places of business in the locations set forth below, and were the debtors in the above-captioned chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.

- 4. Upon information and belief, Defendant is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York with its principal place of business in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- 5. Upon information and belief, Defendant owns and operates the following newspapers: The Bay City Times, Saginaw News, Muskegon Chronicle, Flint Journal, Jackson Citizen Patriot, Kalamazoo Gazette, Grand Rapids Press, and The Ann Arbor News.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 6. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
  - 7. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).
- 8. Venue of these chapter 11 cases and this adversary proceeding in this district and before this Court is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 9. The statutory and legal predicates for the relief requested by the Complaint are sections 105, 502, 503, 547, 550, and 558 of title 11, United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Bankruptcy Rules 3007 and 7001, and Local Bankruptcy Rule 3007-1.

<sup>(</sup>cont'd from previous page)

<sup>(9263),</sup> Mayland MN, LLC (6116), Courchevel, LLC (n/a), Orbyx Electronics, LLC (3360), and Circuit City Stores PR, LLC (5512). The address for Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. is 9250 Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, Colorado 80031. For all other Debtors, the address was 9950 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233 and currently is 4951 Lake Brook Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

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### **PERTINENT FACTS**

### A. General Case Background

- 10. On November 10, 2008 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions in this Court for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and until the effective date of the Plan, continued to operate as debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107 and 1108.
- 11. On November 12, 2008, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia appointed a statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee").
- 12. On January 16, 2009, the Court authorized the Debtors to, among other things, conduct going out of business sales at all of the Debtors' retail locations (the "Stores") pursuant to an agency agreement (the "Agency Agreement") between the Debtors and a joint venture, as agent (the "Agent"). On January 17, 2009, the Agent commenced going out of business sales at the Stores pursuant to the Agency Agreement. As of March 8, 2009, the going out of business sales at the Debtors' stores were completed.
- 13. On August 9, 2010, the Debtors and the Creditors' Committee filed the Plan, which provides for the liquidation of the Debtors' assets and distribution of the proceeds thereof under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 14. On September 10, 2010, the United States Bankruptcy Court, EasternDistrict of Virginia, signed an Order confirming the Plan.
  - 15. The Plan became effective on November 1, 2010 (the "Effective Date").

# B. The Business Relationship Between Circuit City and Defendant

- 16. Prior to the commencement of these bankruptcy cases, the Debtors were a leading specialty retailer of consumer electronics and operated large nationwide electronics stores that sold, among other things, televisions, home theatre systems, computers, camcorders, furniture, software, imaging and telecommunications products, and other audio and video electronics.
- 17. During the course of the parties' relationship, the parties engaged in numerous transactions that are reflected in letter agreements, invoices, communications and other documents (collectively, the "Defendant's Agreements").
- 18. Circuit City purchased services from the Defendant pursuant to the Defendant's Agreements.
- 19. Circuit City and Defendant conducted business with one another up to and through the Petition Date under the Defendant's Agreements.
- 20. During the ordinary course of the Debtors' business, the Debtors maintained books and records of their transactions with Defendant (the "Books and Records").

# C. <u>Amounts Allegedly Owed to Defendant and Defendant's Proofs of Claim</u>

#### (1) Claim No. 600

21. On or about December 4, 2008, Defendant filed a claim in the amount \$94,968.98 as a claim allegedly entitled to administrative priority under Bankruptcy Code section 503(b)(9). The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim number 600 ("Claim No. 600").

- 22. In Claim No. 600, Defendant alleges that the claim was based on the sales of certain goods by Defendant to Circuit City during the twenty-day period prior to the Petition Date.
- 23. Pursuant to the Court's *Order on Debtors' Fifth Omnibus Objection to Certain Misclassified Non-Goods* 503(b)(9) Claims [Docket No. 4008], Claim No. 600 was reclassified as a general unsecured, non-priority claim in the amount \$94,968.98.
- 24. Upon information and belief, Claim No. 600, as reclassified, is duplicative of the amounts allegedly owed in subsequently filed Claim No. 5353 (as defined below).

### (2) Claim No. 6559

- 25. On or about January 23, 2009, Defendant filed a claim in the amount \$139,745.38 as a claim allegedly entitled to administrative priority under Bankruptcy Code section 503(b)(9). The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim number 6559 ("Claim No. 6559").
- 26. In Claim No. 6559, Defendant alleges that the claim was based on the sales of certain goods by Defendant to Circuit City during the twenty-day period prior to the Petition Date.

## (3) <u>Claim No. 5353</u>

- 27. On or about January 26, 2009, Defendant filed a claim in the amount \$139,092.66 as a general unsecured, non-priority claim. The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim number 5353 ("Claim No. 5353").
- 28. Claim No. 5353 was filed on account of goods and services allegedly provided to Circuit City prior to the Petition Date.

#### (4) <u>Claim No. 364</u>

- 29. On or about November 24, 2008, Defendant filed a claim in the amount \$3,444.53 as a claim allegedly entitled to administrative priority under Bankruptcy Code section 503(b)(9). The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim number 364 ("Claim No. 364").
- 30. In Claim No. 364, Defendant alleges that the claim was based on the sales of certain goods by Defendant to Circuit City during the twenty-day period prior to the Petition Date.
- 31. Pursuant to the Court's *Order on Debtors' Fifth Omnibus Objection to Certain Misclassified Non-Goods* 503(b)(9) Claims [Docket No. 4008], Claim No. 364 was reclassified as a general unsecured, non-priority claim in the amount \$3,444.53.

# (5) <u>Claim No. 8259</u>

- 32. On or about January 29, 2009, Defendant filed a claim in the amount \$1,221.11 as a general unsecured, non-priority claim. The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim number 8259 ("Claim No. 8259").
- 33. Claim No. 8259 was filed on account of goods and services allegedly provided to Circuit City prior to the Petition Date.

#### (6) <u>Claim No. 4919</u>

- 34. On or about January 21, 2009, Defendant filed a claim in the amount \$5,020.46 as a general unsecured, non-priority claim. The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim number 4919 ("Claim No. 4919").
- 35. Claim No. 4919 was filed on account of goods and services allegedly provided to Circuit City prior to the Petition Date.

#### (7) Claim No. 590

- 36. On or about December 4, 2008, Defendant filed a claim in the amount \$11,371.33 as a claim allegedly entitled to administrative priority under Bankruptcy Code section 503(b)(9). The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim number 590 ("Claim No. 590").
- 37. In Claim No. 590, Defendant alleges that the claim was based on the sales of certain goods by Defendant to Circuit City during the twenty-day period prior to the Petition Date.
- 38. Pursuant to the Court's *Order on Debtors' Fifth Omnibus Objection to Certain Misclassified Non-Goods* 503(b)(9) Claims [Docket No. 4008], Claim No. 590 was reclassified as a general unsecured, non-priority claim in the amount \$11,371.33.
- 39. Upon information and belief, Claim No. 590, as reclassified, is duplicative of the amounts allegedly owed in subsequently filed Claim No. 5357 (as defined below).

#### (8) <u>Claim No. 5357</u>

- 40. On or about January 26, 2009, Defendant filed a claim in the amount \$11,371.33 as a general unsecured, non-priority claim. The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim number 5357 ("Claim No. 5357").
- 41. Claim No. 5357 was filed on account of goods and services allegedly provided to Circuit City prior to the Petition Date.

#### (9) Claim No. 2383

42. On or about January 5, 2009, Defendant filed a claim in the amount \$1,577.96 as a general unsecured, non-priority claim. The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim number 2383 ("Claim No. 2383").

43. Claim No. 2383 was filed on account of goods and services allegedly provided to Circuit City prior to the Petition Date.

#### (10) <u>Claim No. 5105</u>

- 44. On or about January 22, 2009, Defendant filed a claim in the amount \$2,702.53 as a general unsecured, non-priority claim. The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim number 5105 ("Claim No. 5105").
- 45. Claim No. 5105 was filed on account of goods and services allegedly provided to Circuit City prior to the Petition Date.

#### (11) Claim No. 589

- 46. On or about December 4, 2008, Defendant filed a claim in the amount \$2,618.76 as a claim allegedly entitled to administrative priority under Bankruptcy Code section 503(b)(9). The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim number 589 ("Claim No. 589").
- 47. In Claim No. 589, Defendant alleges that the claim was based on the sales of certain goods by Defendant to Circuit City during the twenty-day period prior to the Petition Date.
- 48. Pursuant to the Court's *Order on Debtors' Fifth Omnibus Objection to Certain Misclassified Non-Goods 503(b)(9) Claims* [Docket No. 4008], Claim No. 589 was reclassified as a general unsecured, non-priority claim in the amount \$2,618.76.

#### (12) Claim No. 5352

49. On or about January 26, 2009, Defendant filed a claim in the amount \$2,618.76 as a general unsecured, non-priority claim. The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim number 5352 ("Claim No. 5352").

- 50. Claim No. 5352 was filed on account of goods and services allegedly provided to Circuit City prior to the Petition Date.
- 51. Upon information and belief, Claim No. 5352 is duplicative of the amounts allegedly owed in previously filed and subsequently reclassified Claim No. 589.

#### (13) Claim No. 7674

- 52. On or about January 29, 2009, Defendant filed a claim in the amount \$2,681.51 as a general unsecured, non-priority claim. The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim number 7674 ("Claim No. 7674").
- 53. Claim No. 7674 was filed on account of goods and services allegedly provided to Circuit City prior to the Petition Date.

# D. Transfers to Defendant Made Within 90 Days Prior to the Petition Date

- 54. During the 90-day period prior to the commencement of Circuit City's bankruptcy cases (the "Preference Period"), Circuit City transferred property to or for the benefit of Defendant in an amount not less than \$306,803.97. A list identifying each and every transfer during the Preference Period is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> and incorporated herein by reference (collectively, the "Preferential Transfers").
- 55. Plaintiff acknowledges that some of the Preferential Transfers might be subject to defenses under Bankruptcy Code section 547(c), for which the Defendant bears the burden of proof under Section 547(g). Plaintiff will work with Defendant to exchange applicable information in an effort to resolve any and all factual issues with respect to potential defenses.

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### **COUNT I**

# AVOIDANCE OF PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 547(b)

- 56. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 57. During the Preference Period, Defendant was a creditor of one or more of the Debtors.
- 58. Each Preferential Transfer identified on Exhibit A hereto was made to or for the benefit of Defendant.
- 59. Each Preferential Transfer was made for or on account of an antecedent debt or debts owed by one or more of the Debtors before such Preferential Transfers were made.
  - 60. Each Preferential Transfer was made during the Preference Period.
  - 61. Each Preferential Transfer was made while the Debtors were insolvent.
- 62. Each Preferential Transfer enabled Defendant to receive more than Defendant would have received if (i) the Debtors' chapter 11 cases were instead cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) the transfers and/or payments had not been made; and (iii) Defendant received payment on account of the debt paid by the Preferential Transfers to the extent provided by the Bankruptcy Code.
- 63. Each Preferential Transfer constitutes an avoidable preference pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 547(b).

#### **COUNT II**

# RECOVERY OF PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 550

- 64. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein
- 65. Defendant was either (i) the initial transferee of the Preferential Transfers, (ii) the entity for whose benefit the Preferential Transfers were made, or (iii) an immediate or mediate transferee of the Preferential Transfers.
- 66. Each Preferential Transfer that is avoided under Section 547(b) is recoverable pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550.
- 67. Subject to potential defenses, the Trustee is entitled to recover the value of the Preferential Transfers pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550(a).

#### **COUNT III**

# OBJECTION TO CLAIM NOS. 600, 5353, 6559, 364, 8259, 4919, 590, 5357, 2383, 5105, 589, 5352, and 7674 – DISALLOWANCE UNDER SECTION 502(d)

- 68. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 69. Claim Nos. 600, 5353, 6559, 364, 8259, 4919, 590, 5357, 2383, 5105, 589, 5352, and 7674 assert a right to payment allegedly owed by one or more of the Debtors.
- 70. As alleged above, each Preferential Transfer constitutes an avoidable preference pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 547(b), which is recoverable pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550.
- 71. Accordingly, pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 502(d), Claim Nos. 600, 5353, 6559, 364, 8259, 4919, 590, 5357, 2383, 5105, 589, 5352, and 7674 must be

disallowed unless and until Defendant pays to the Trustee an amount equal to each Preferential Transfer that is avoided.

# **COUNT IV**

#### **OBJECTION TO CLAIM NO. 5353 AS OVERSTATED**

- 72. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 73. After a thorough review of the Debtors' Books and Records, the Trustee has determined that Claim No. 5353 is overstated by \$45,046.40 (the "Overstated Amount").
- 74. The overstatement is based on, among other things, the Overstated Amount being properly asserted as a claim with administrative priority in Claim No. 6559.
- 75. As a result of the above, Claim No. 5353 should be reduced by the Overstated Amount.

#### **COUNT V**

#### **OBJECTION TO CLAIM NO. 6559 AS OVERSTATED**

- 76. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 77. After a thorough review of the Debtors' Books and Records, the Trustee has determined that Claim No. 6559 is overstated by \$94,698.98 (the "Overstated Amount").
- 78. The overstatement is based on, among other things, the Overstated Amount being properly asserted as a general unsecured, non-priority claim in Claim No. 5353.
- 79. As a result of the above, Claim No. 6559 should be reduced by the Overstated Amount.

#### **COUNT VI**

#### **OBJECTION TO CLAIM NO. 600 AS A DUPLICATE CLAIM**

- 80. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 81. After a thorough review of the Debtors' Books and Records, the Trustee has determined that the amounts and obligations asserted in Claim No. 600 are duplicated in subsequently filed Claim No. 5353.
- 82. As a result of the above, Claim No. 600 should disallowed in its entirety as a duplicate claim.

# **COUNT VII**

#### **OBJECTION TO CLAIM NO. 590 AS A DUPLICATE CLAIM**

- 83. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 84. After a thorough review of the Debtors' Books and Records, the Trustee has determined that the amounts and obligations asserted in Claim No. 590 are duplicated in subsequently filed Claim No. 5357.
- 85. As a result of the above, Claim No. 590 should disallowed in its entirety as a duplicate claim.

#### **COUNT VIII**

#### **OBJECTION TO CLAIM NO. 589 AS A DUPLICATE CLAIM**

86. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

- 87. After a thorough review of the Debtors' Books and Records, the Trustee has determined that the amounts and obligations asserted in Claim No. 589 are duplicated in subsequently filed Claim No. 5352.
- 88. As a result of the above, Claim No. 589 should disallowed in its entirety as a duplicate claim.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests and prays that the Court:

- i. Pursuant to Counts I and II, enter judgment against Defendant under 11 U.S.C. §§ 547 and 550 and allow the Trustee to avoid and recover the Preferential Transfers in an amount not less than \$306,803.97; and
- ii. Pursuant to Count III, disallow Claim Nos. 600, 5353, 6559, 364, 8259, 4919, 590, 5357, 2383, 5105, 589, 5352, and 7674 in accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 502(d) pending payment by Defendant to the Trustee of any avoidable and recoverable transfers; and
- iii. Pursuant to Count IV, reduce Claim No. 5353 from the overstated amount of \$139,092.66, to \$94,046.26; and
- iv. Pursuant to Count V, reduce Claim No. 6559 from the overstated amount of \$139,745.38, to \$45,046.40; and
- v. Pursuant to Count VI, disallow Claim No. 600 in its entirety as a duplicate claim; and
- vi. Pursuant to Count VII, disallow Claim No. 590 in its entirety as a duplicate claim; and
- vii. Pursuant to Count VIII, disallow Claim No. 589 in its entirety as a duplicate claim; and
- viii. Award the Trustee prejudgment interest at the legally allowed applicable rate;
  - ix. Award the Trustee costs, and expenses of suit herein; and
- x. Grant the Trustee such other and further relief the Court deems just and appropriate.

Dated: Richmond, Virginia November 9, 2010 TAVENNER & BERAN, PLC

\_\_/s/ Paula S. Beran\_\_

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# **EXHIBIT A**

# (Preferential Transfers)

# **Booth Newspapers Inc**

**Exhibit A** 

Vendor Name	Check Clear Date	Check Number		Paid Amount	
GRAND RAPIDS PRESS	8/25/2008	0004549515	\$	29,951.52	
THE SAGINAW NEWS	8/25/2008	0004549441	\$	9,369.31	
KALAMAZOO GAZETTE	8/26/2008	0004550773	\$	10,346.87	
JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT	8/27/2008	0004550772	\$	7,435.85	
MUSKEGON CHRONICLE	8/28/2008	0004550765	\$	9,736.52	
FLINT JOURNAL	8/29/2008	0004549445	\$	18,034.94	
THE SAGINAW NEWS	9/30/2008	0004563053	\$	16,118.31	
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